



DuFief Elementary School  
 15001 DuFief Drive  
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# DUFIEF NEWS

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**Our Vision**

*The DuFief Elementary School Community enthusiastically and fully supports the development of children in their pursuit to become lifelong learners and caring, responsible citizens. We encourage all students in their academic, social, and physical development.*

**School Starts Soon!**

We hope you are enjoying your summer! We have been very busy this summer preparing the school for another wonderful school year together. We are very excited to welcome Miss Kersti Pringle to DuFief. She will be teaching the 4/5 Learning Center class.



It's not too late to send us a postcard to share your summer vacations with us. We will display your postcards on the dragon bulletin board so you can see how DuFief students spent their summer vacations. In just a few short weeks, school will begin on Monday, August 31. Our annual **Open House** will be held on **Friday, August 28 from 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.** There will be a Kindergarten parent meeting at 9:00 in the All Purpose Room immediately after the Open House. You will find out who your child's teacher will be when you receive a postcard from his/her teacher during the week of August 24.

**OPEN HOUSE**

Visit your classroom!  
 Friday, August 28  
 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.

At this time based on our enrollment, we do not expect any staff reductions. We appreciate the funding and support the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has received from the County Council in these tight budget times. However, the funding MCPS received was less than the Board of Education's requested amount. As a result of this current fiscal situation, it may become necessary for staffing changes to occur in some schools if enrollment comes in below projection and doesn't justify the staffing that was allocated. MCPS staffing allocations are based on projected enrollment. We certainly hope that at the beginning of the school year our actual enrollment matches the projected enrollment. If there is a need to make an adjustment in staffing based on actual enrollment, we will do our best to minimize the impact of these necessary adjustments. We will keep you informed and alert you of any changes that may occur at our school.

**New Family Tour**

After the Open House on Friday, August 28, meet in the Gym at 9:15 a.m. for a guided school tour!

We hope you will find the information in this packet helpful. We are looking forward to another successful school year. Please do not hesitate to call us if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support, and please enjoy the rest of your summer with your family and friends!

Sincerely,



## DuFief Teachers

<p><b>Pre K</b> Mrs. Engel-Sambrana</p> <p><b>K</b> Mrs. Martin Mrs. Peretzman Mrs. Walfish</p> <p><b>1</b> Mrs. Ellison Mrs. Karp Mrs. Solovieff Mrs. Wolski</p>	<p><b>2</b> Mrs. Hurwitz Mrs. Kipfer Mrs. Sahn</p> <p><b>3</b> Mrs. Davani Mrs. Giannone Mrs. Storm</p> <p><b>4</b> Mrs. Alderoty Mrs. Nass (Crawford) Mrs. Thompson Mr. Yates</p>	<p><b>5</b> Mrs. Brown Mrs. Hested Miss Pringle Miss Schwartzbeck</p> <p><b>Specialists</b> Mrs. Pape - Counselor Mrs. Flynn - Reading Initiative Mrs. Bakalar- ESOL Mrs. Trusilo - Art Mrs. Siegelman - Music</p>	<p>Mrs. Oleshkevich - Music Mrs. Screen - PE Mrs. Carlson - Resource Mrs. Blasier - Speech Mrs. Danielian - Staff Development Mrs. Narrow - Reading Mrs. Williams - Media Dr. Stine - Learning Center Coordinator Mrs. K. Reitz - Pre K Parent Educator</p>
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### School Hours

School hours are from 8:50 a.m. to 3:05 p.m. Students should line up outside in designated areas with their class beginning at **8:35 a.m.** When the first bell rings at 8:45 a.m., students enter the school with their teachers. On the first day of school, teachers will show their classes where to line up. The second bell rings at 8:50 a.m. **Students who are late to school (after 8:50 a.m.), must be signed in at the office by an adult.**

If a student is absent, parents should call the school to report the child's absence. A message may be left on the school's answering machine.

**Patrol Meeting**  
**Friday, August 28**  
**9:15 a.m.**  
**Room # 15**

### Important Information

Please check your child's DuFief Dragon folder on the first day of school for important items to read and/or return to school. Please return the yellow form, *Parent/Child Reunification (PCR) Authorization for Release of Student* as soon as possible. The Dragon folder will be sent home with important information and notices on Thursdays during the school year.

### Cafeteria Information



School menus are sent home monthly and can also be found on the MCPS website. **Elementary school lunches are \$2.50.** Deposits can be made to your child's account during the Open House on Friday, August 28. Checks can also be sent in at any time with your child. Information about free and/or reduced price meals will be sent home the first week of school. See the **SNAP Cafeteria News**, included with this newsletter for more cafeteria news.

### Transportation

The bus schedule is included in this mailing.



For safety reasons, parents who drive their children to school, should drop off and pick up their children using the *Kiss and Ride* driveway/parking lot. (See included *Kiss and Ride* map.) **Please do not drop off your children along DuFief Drive or in front of the school.**

### Save the Dates!

- **September 1 at 7:00 p.m.**  
New Families to DuFief Mtg. followed by PTA Mtg. at 7:30 p.m.
- **September 11 at 6:00 p.m.**  
PTA Back-to-School Picnic (rain date September 25)
- **September 16 at 7:00 p.m.**  
Back-to-School Night